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Examiner: Benjamin R. Bruckart

Application of: Blake Earl Hayward
Docket: P3953
Serial No.: 09/661,589
Filed: 09/14/2000
Title: Network-Based Verification and Fraud-Prevention System

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir,

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136**

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two (2) month(s) to respond to the office letter mailed in the above-referenced case on 07/30/2007, for which a three-month shortened statutory period was set to expire on 10/30/2007. This requested extension extends the time for response to Monday 12/31/2007.

☐ The petitioner is an established small entity.

☒ A Duplicate Amendment Transmittal sheet is provided for the \$460.00 extension fee.

Respectfully Submitted,
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